**President John F. Kennedy-1961-1963 (D)**

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* **WW2 Veteran from Massachusetts**
* **Young & Vibrant**
* **The first Roman Catholic president**
* **Defeats Nixon in the first presidential T.V. debate in history**
* **Bay of Pigs fiasco in Cuba**
* **Successfully stared down the USSR with the Cuban Missile Crisis**
* **He expanded the military but also initiated the Peace Corps**
* **Assassinated on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas**

**President Lyndon B. Johnson 1963-1969 (D)**

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* **WW2 Veteran from Texas**
* **He lost the Democratic nomination to Kennedy in 1960**
* **Initiated programs to end poverty, ensure voting rights for African Americans, provide medical for the poor and elderly**
* **These and other ideas became known as Johnson’s “Great Society”**
* **Signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964**
* **August 7th, 1964 Congress allows US planes to begin bombing North Vietnam in retaliation for the Gulf of Tonkin**
* **On August 7th, 1964, Congress also gives Johnson the power to use our military forces without actually declaring war**